

BUDGET PCs

INTRODUCTION

Buying a PC is fairly easy if you have lots of money to spend. Just pick the best components and you'll be on the right track. However, spending a lot of money is foolish if your computing needs are relatively modest. If you want to surf the web, create office documents and store media files, you can buy a perfectly suitable PC for only a few hundred pounds.

With less money to spend, though, you need to choose carefully. Some cheap PCs won't be easy to upgrade in future, but others can be carefully added to, keeping you computing for some time to come.

This month we've gathered four complete PC systems that cost £400 or less. Even on such a tight budget, we were impressed with the quality of computers available – offering powerful processors, big LCD screens and plenty of memory. We'll help you buy a terrific PC at a tiny price.

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A basic PC needn't cost the earth, and there's no point paying for lots of bells and whistles you won't use. We test four systems under £400 and find that they have a lot to offer

£399 PCs

Choosing a... Budget PC

When choosing a PC on a tight budget, it's even more important than usual to have a clear idea of what you want your computer to do. Manufacturers often have to make compromises when building inexpensive PCs, and these can leave some cheap computers capable of performing one task, but utterly unsuitable for another. Our guide explains what to look out for on a £400 budget and what to avoid.

POWER TRIP

All the PCs here have at least 512MB of RAM, and one even has 1GB. You'll find 512MB is enough for running Windows and a few applications, but if you want to run lots of programs at once or perform memory-hungry tasks such as photo manipulation, 1GB is an advantage.

The Aria AXL, Eclipse Eco and Gladiator Legion PCs use AMD processors. The Legion's budget Sempron processor has less cache memory than the Athlon 64 chips used by Aria and Eclipse, so it isn't as quick when running tougher computing tasks. Aria's Athlon 64 3200+ processor is impressively fast for such an inexpensive PC. All these processors use the latest AM2 socket, so they'll be easy to upgrade in future.

Only the PC Nextday Zoostorm uses an Intel processor: a Celeron D 356. It performed particularly well in our video-encoding test, where it outperformed a computer with twice as much memory. Like the AMD

processors here, it uses the latest processor socket so it should be easy to upgrade.

BEAUTIFUL VIEW

A year ago PCs at this price would have included tiny 15" LCDs or bulky CRT monitors. Now, all the PCs in this group have either 17" or 19" LCDs. Eclipse's 19" display has the same resolution as the 17" models included by Gladiator and PC Nextday, but its larger image is easier on the eyes. We were particularly surprised to see the 19" widescreen monitor included with Aria's AXL Fusion. With a resolution of 1,440x900 pixels, it's great for watching movies or working on large spreadsheets.

All the displays in this group use analogue D-sub connectors, so you may need to tweak their settings to get the best possible image quality. Eclipse's Eco has a DVI digital video output, but if you want to connect a DVI display to any of the other three computers you'll need to add a new graphics card, too.

However, even the largest monitor is of limited use if it displays a poor image. None of the four displays in this group has particularly high image quality, but the 19" Hanns-G HU196 included with Eclipse's Eco is particularly poor. If you want to edit digital photos, the 17" displays included by PC Nextday and Gladiator have better image quality than the larger 19" models.





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SUPER STORE

If you want to store lots of video and music files, you'll need a large hard disk. The best in this group is the 200GB disk included in Aria's AXL Fusion. The Eclipse Eco and PC Nextday Zoostorm include 160GB disks, which will hold a decent amount of media. Gladiator's 80GB disk is small if you have a large music collection, but will suffice if you store only office documents.

All this month's PCs have two-layer DVD writers. These allow you to write 8.5GB of data to a single disc, so they're great for making backups of important files. PC Nextday's Zoostorm comes with a memory card reader, making it easy to copy photos from a digital camera, and Gladiator's Legion has a floppy disk drive. Don't let your buying decision be swayed by these two items, though, as they are easy and inexpensive to add to any computer.

FUTURE PERFECT

Most inexpensive computers provide enough power and features for what you want to do today, but many aren't easy to upgrade. This can limit their usefulness. As well as comments on the performance and features of each computer, you'll find information in our reviews about how each one can be upgraded in future to keep you computing for as long as possible.

All the PCs in this group have two free PCI slots and one free PCI Express x1 slot. These are ideal for adding extras such as a TV tuner or

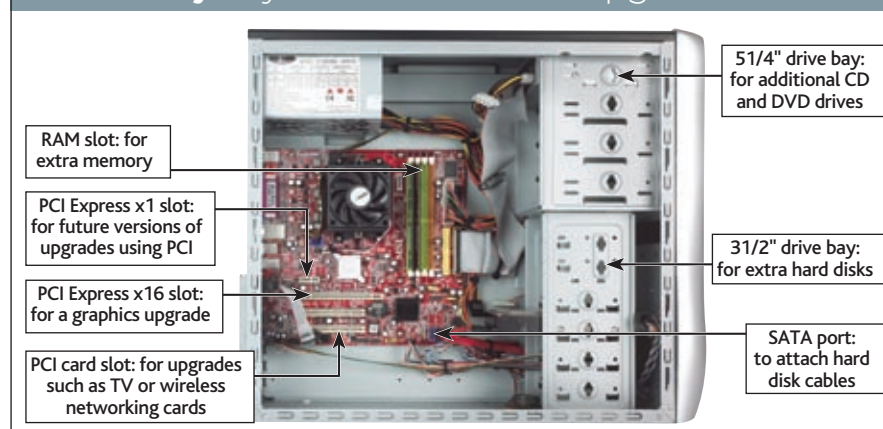
sound card. They all have PCI Express x16 slots, too, so you can add a 3D graphics card. None of these computers is suitable for playing modern 3D games unless you add a dedicated 3D card in future.

If you outgrow your hard disk, you can add another, as long as you have enough empty 3½" drive bays and SATA ports. Remember that many computers have more spaces for disks than connectors to plug them into, so our reviews explain how many hard disks you can easily add to each PC.

All the PCs have at least one spare 5¼" bay for adding another optical drive. Adding a second DVD drive makes copying from one disc to another easier, and you might want to add a Blu-ray or HD-DVD drive in future should they become cheaper and more popular.

Finally, remember that adding more components to your computer will increase the demands on its power supply. Some of the computers here will need a bigger power supply if you add several new parts, and our reviews warn you if this is the case.

Inside story Key features for future upgrades



ARIA AXL Fusion Home 3200

★★★★★

£399 inc VAT



Aria's Fusion Home 3200 is great value for money. It's a generously specified computer with plenty of upgrade options.

FEATURES

The Fusion is the only PC in this group to come with a 200GB hard disk. This gives you plenty of space for a large photo or music collection. The Fusion is also the only PC here with a wireless keyboard and mouse, both of which are comfortable to use and responsive.

We were pleasantly surprised to see a 19" widescreen display included with such an inexpensive PC. It connects via an analogue D-sub connection, though, and its image quality leaves much to be desired. There was noticeable banding in the darker shades of our greyscale transitions test, and it displayed white areas with a greyish cast. Much can be forgiven at this low price, though, and it's ideal for working with several windows open at the same time.

The monitor doesn't have any built-in speakers

and an external set isn't included. If you need sound, you could add a set of speakers, plug in a pair of headphones or connect a surround-sound amplifier to the coaxial S/PDIF output.

EXPANDABILITY

The Fusion's case is a little harder to open than most. To access the inside of the PC, you have to remove the top and side panels. Inside are five free 3½" drive bays and three empty 5¼" drive bays. Unfortunately, there's only one free SATA port, so you can add only one more SATA hard disk straight away. If you need more, you could add an IDE disk or plug a PCI SATA controller card into one of the two free PCI slots.

The 450W power supply should provide enough power for most upgrades, but it has only one free Molex connector. In order to connect more than one new disk drive, you'll need a splitter cable or a new power supply.

PERFORMANCE

We were astonished to see 1GB of RAM and an AMD Athlon 64

3200+ processor in a PC at this price. The Fusion was easily the fastest PC in this group, scoring 107 overall in our application benchmarks. Its scores of 135 in our image-editing test and 112 in our multitasking benchmark are particularly impressive. It wasn't quite as fast in our video-encoding test, but its score of 93 meant it was only 10 points behind PC's Nextday Zoostorm.

Costs have to be cut somewhere, though, and like the other PCs here the Fusion has no dedicated 3D graphics card. It failed to run our Doom 3 and Call of Duty games tests. If you want to play modern 3D games, you'll need to add a 3D graphics card to its PCI Express x16 slot.

VERDICT

The Fusion isn't perfect, but at this price it's very impressive. It's surprisingly fast in Windows tasks, and has a large hard disk and a big monitor. It's our Best Buy.



SUMMARY

- ✓ Fast processor, lots of memory
- ✓ Big hard disk
- ✓ 19" widescreen monitor

DESKTOP PC AMD Athlon 64 3200+ processor, 1GB RAM, 200GB hard disk, integrated 128MB shared Nvidia GeForce 6100 graphics, DVD+/-RW +/-DL, 19" widescreen LCD
SUPPLIER Aria Technology 08704 992499
DETAILS www.aria.co.uk

ECLIPSE Eco A3000

★★★★

£399 inc VAT

Eclipse's Eco A3000 comes with a big 19" monitor, but it's not as fast as PC Nextday's Zoostorm or Aria's Fusion.

FEATURES

The Eco's black, cheese grater-like case has a blue LCD that indicates the temperature inside the case. This looks flashy, but it's not really of any practical use. Like Aria's Fusion the Eco includes a 19" monitor, but the Hanns-G model used here isn't widescreen. It has the same resolution of 1,280x1,024 pixels as the 17" monitors in this group, but it produces a larger image that's easier on the eyes. The monitor is the only one in this group with a digital DVI input, but it's not that useful as the Eco itself uses a D-sub analogue video output.

Although it managed to display a bright white image, we were distracted by the monitor's noticeable green tinge and one dead pixel. There was noticeable coarseness in our greyscale transition test, and moving even slightly to one side when viewing produced a

shift in colour accuracy. Overall, its image quality is the worst in this group.

No external speakers are included, but a set is built into the monitor. These are good for Windows alert sounds only, but they're louder than we expected. The wired Microsoft keyboard and mouse are basic but comfortable. The 160GB hard disk is spacious enough for most users.

EXPANDABILITY

The Athlon 3000+ processor isn't particularly fast, but it uses the latest AM2 socket. This means you'll be able to upgrade it to a faster model in future. There are three free memory slots, so it would be easy to upgrade to 1GB of RAM. The Eco doesn't have as many free drive bays as either Aria's Fusion or Gladiator's Legion, but its three empty 3½" bays and one free 5¼" bay should be enough for most needs.

Like Aria's Fusion, the Eco has only one free SATA port. In order to add more than one hard disk, you'll need to use an



IDE disk or fit a PCI SATA controller card. Fortunately, there are two free PCI slots to fit one in, as well as a free PCI Express x1 slot.

PERFORMANCE

Equipped with only an Athlon 3000+ processor and 512MB of RAM, the Eco proved to be one of the slower PCs in this group. It was only marginally faster than Gladiator's Sempron-based Legion, and its score of 61 in our image-editing test was the worst in this group. To play modern 3D games, you'll need to upgrade by adding a 3D graphics card.

VERDICT

The Eco isn't as fast in Windows as Aria's Fusion or PC Nextday's Zoostorm, and it isn't particularly expandable. It comes with a 19" display, but its image quality is poor. It's not a bad PC, but there isn't much to recommend it over the other computers in this group.

SUMMARY

- ✓ 19" display
- ✗ Display's image quality poor
- ✗ Not particularly powerful

DESKTOP PC AMD Athlon 64 3000+ processor, 512MB RAM, 160GB hard disk, integrated 128MB shared Nvidia GeForce 6100 graphics, DVD+/-RW +/-DL, 19" LCD
SUPPLIER Eclipse Computers 08707 456000
DETAILS www.eclipsecomputers.com

GLADIATOR Legion CS2800

★★★★

£400 inc VAT

It's not as powerful as the other PCs in this group, but the Legion CS2800 has plenty of expansion options and useful extras.

FEATURES

The Legion's 80GB hard disk will fill up quickly if you have lots of photos and videos, but it'll be fine if you work only with documents and spreadsheets. It's the only PC here with a floppy disk drive, but we think most users would find a memory card reader more useful.

The Legion is the only PC in this group with a wireless networking adaptor, so it would be easy to connect to a wireless broadband connection. It also has a Gigabit Ethernet port, so you can build a fast home network. A remote control is included so you can control

Windows Media Player from a distance. This isn't as sophisticated as Windows XP Media Center Edition, but it's still useful.

The Legion is also the only PC here to have an old-fashioned ball mouse. Both it and the spongy keyboard are unsuitable for anything other than occasional use, and will

need replacing. The external stereo speakers aren't much better. They're loud, but they sound harsh and distort badly at high volumes.

The 17" Acer monitor displays rich colours and a bright white image, but we noticed some coarseness in both our greyscale and colour-transition tests. The monitor connects via an analogue D-sub connection.

EXPANDABILITY

Like Aria's Fusion, the Legion has lots of room inside for adding extra hard disks and optical drives, namely five 3½" bays and three 5¼" bays. The 400W power supply has only two spare

Molex connectors, though, so you'll need to use a splitter cable if you want to connect more than a couple of drives. Alternatively, you could use an external drive. As well as the usual USB2 ports, the Legion has FireWire and eSATA ports.

The Legion's Sempron processor isn't very powerful, but it uses the latest AM2 socket. This means that it will

be easy to upgrade in future. There's plenty of room for more memory, too.

PERFORMANCE

The Sempron 2800+ processor isn't very fast, so the Legion fared poorly in our benchmarks and produced the lowest score in almost every test. It's suitable for office work and surfing the web, but jobs such as image editing and video encoding will take time.

Like the other PCs here, the Legion uses an integrated graphics chip that can't run the latest games. If you want to play 3D games you'll need to add a graphics card to the free PCI-E x16 slot.

VERDICT

Gladiator's Legion is slow, even for a budget PC, and its hard disk is small. It has plenty of room for upgrades, though, and several useful extras. If you'd rather have lots of features than raw power it's a good choice, but you'll need to budget for a new keyboard and mouse.



SUMMARY

- ✓ Wireless networking, remote control
- ✓ FireWire and eSATA ports
- ✗ Slow in Windows, small hard disk

DESKTOP PC AMD Sempron 2800+ processor, 512MB RAM, 80GB hard disk, integrated 128MB shared Nvidia GeForce 6100 graphics, DVD+/-RW +/-DL, 17" LCD
SUPPLIER Gladiator Computers 08456 444666
DETAILS www.gladiatorcomputers.com

PC NEXTDAY Zoostorm 1-3302

★★★★

£399 inc VAT

PC Nextday's Zoostorm 1-3302 is reasonably quick in Windows, but its lack of expansion options reduces its long-term usefulness.

FEATURES

The Zoostorm is the only PC in this group to have a memory card reader. This is particularly useful for transferring photos from a digital camera. It also has one USB2 port more than the other PCs in this group.

PC Nextday has included an AOC 17" monitor with the Zoostorm. It managed to display rich blacks but white areas looked greyish. Our colour gradient test was reproduced smoothly but there was some banding in the darker shades of our greyscale transitions test. Its image quality is marginally the best in this group.

No external speakers have been included so you'll have to rely on the set built into the monitor. They're really only suitable for Windows alert sounds, though. Unlike the other PCs here, the Zoostorm has no S/PDIF port for

connecting a surround-sound amplifier. The wired optical mouse is comfortable to hold but the wired keyboard is too spongy for long periods of typing.

EXPANDABILITY

The Zoostorm's mini tower case doesn't have much room inside for extra disk drives. There's room for only one more hard disk and one more optical drive. It does have two free PCI slots and one PCI Express x1 slot for adding peripherals such as sound cards and TV tuners, though.

If the Zoostorm's Celeron processor isn't fast enough for you, the motherboard can support faster processors such as Intel's Pentium 4 and Core 2 Duo chips. Unfortunately, the 250W

power supply is more limiting. If you add a few upgrades, you could soon need a newer, more powerful supply to keep them all running.

PERFORMANCE

The Zoostorm is the only PC in this round-up to use an Intel processor. Its Celeron D 356 performed particularly well in our video-encoding test, where

its score of 103 was the best in the group. With 512MB of memory installed rather than the 1GB used in Aria's Fusion, though, it couldn't keep up in the image-manipulation and multitasking tests. Its score of 99 overall is the second best in the group, and would be improved by adding another 512MB of memory.

As with the other PCs here, the Zoostorm uses an integrated graphics chip. Like the Nvidia chip used by the other PCs, its Intel graphics couldn't complete our game tests. To play the latest games, you'll need to add a PCI Express x16 graphics card.

VERDICT

The Zoostorm is reasonably quick in Windows, and was particularly fast in our video-encoding test. It's not as quick as Aria's Fusion, though, and with a weak power supply and less room inside for new disks it's not as easy to keep up to date. It's a good choice only if video encoding is your priority.



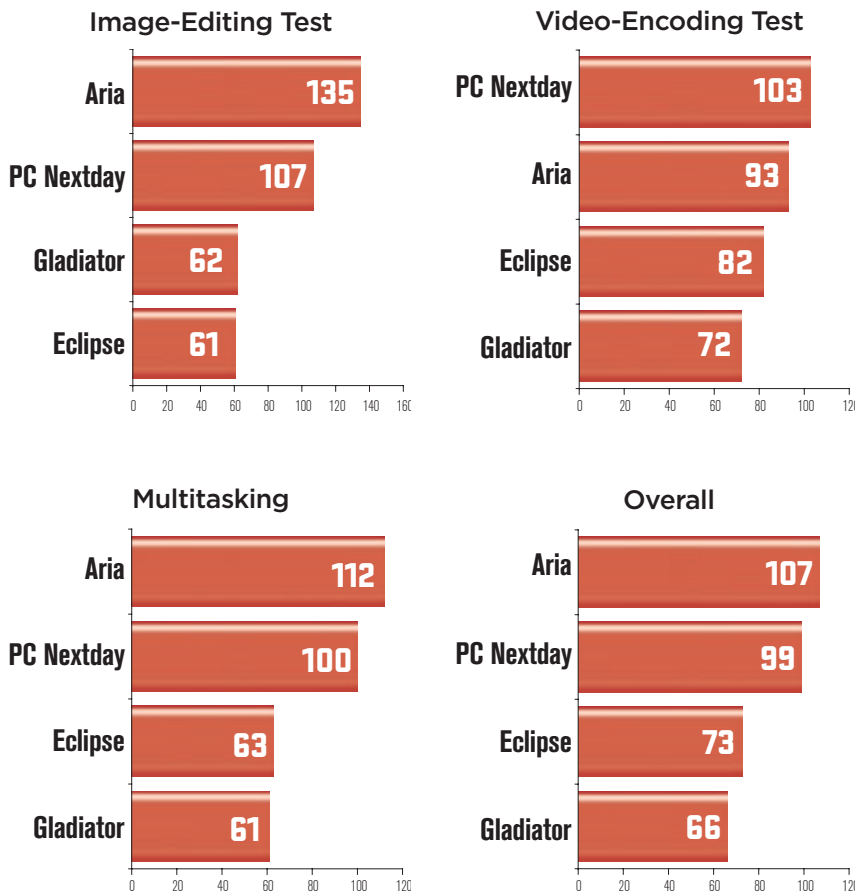
SUMMARY

- ✓ Quick when encoding video
- ✓ Best display quality in the group
- ✗ Limited room for expansion

DESKTOP PC 3.33GHz Intel Celeron D 356 processor, 512MB RAM, 160GB hard disk, integrated 128MB shared Intel GMA950 graphics, DVD+/-RW +/-DL, 17" LCD
SUPPLIER sales@pcnextday.co.uk
DETAILS www.pcnextday.co.uk

BENCHMARKS

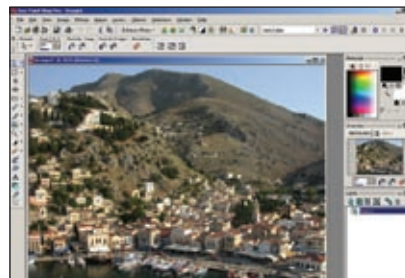
2D Performance Shopper Application Tests



Computer Shopper's 2D benchmarks have been designed to show how PCs stand up to the toughest tasks Windows can throw at them. Today's PCs have no problem running office applications such as Word and Excel, so we have chosen to focus our tests on areas where you could experience difficulties.

Encoding a short video to MPEG2 format is a processor-intensive task that anyone transferring home videos to DVD will have to tackle. Our image-editing test simulates a session of photo enhancement using Paint Shop Pro X. In our third test, a set of audio files is ripped to MP3 format.

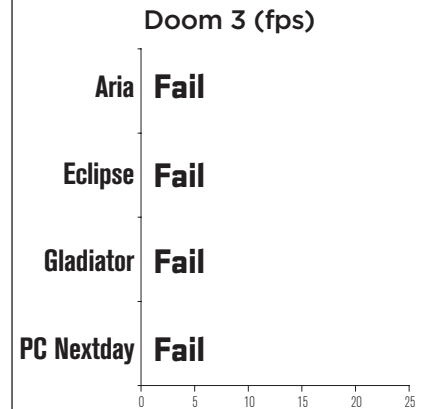
Finally, we have a multitasking test designed to test the benefits of HyperThreaded and dual-core processors. This test compresses a DVD at the same time as running our



SETTINGS We run our application tests at 1,280x1,024 resolution and in 32-bit colour
WEB www.computershopper.co.uk

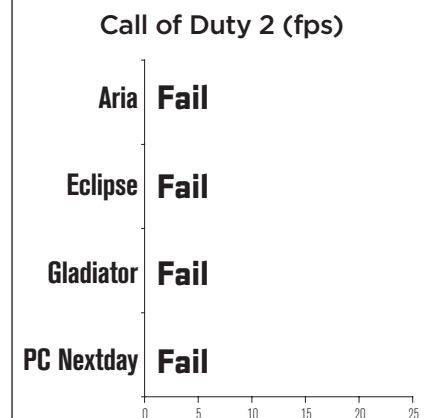
image-editing test. Figures are relative to a reference Evesham Athlon 64 3500+, which scores 100 in all tests.

3D Performance Games



SETTINGS 1,280x1,024 resolution, high quality, 4x AA
WEB www.doom3.com

Our Doom 3 benchmark tests whether a PC has the power needed to play cutting-edge 3D games. A good score here indicates that a PC should cope with graphically intense 3D games.



SETTINGS 1,280x1,024 resolution, 32-bit colour, default settings
WEB www.futuremark.com

Call of Duty 2 uses DirectX and is one of the most demanding games available. With a wide range of effects and frenetic action, it tests every aspect of graphics performance.

Labs verdict Budget PCs

Buying an inexpensive PC can be tricky. It's important to get a computer that's powerful now, but also one that can be upgraded at a later date. Fortunately, several of the manufacturers in this group have managed to strike a good balance between speed and upgrade options. Two of the four computers are particularly impressive.

Gladiator's Legion CS2800 isn't very powerful, but its Sempron processor is still

up to the task of running office and internet software. The money saved by using this cheap processor has been well spent, and its remote control and wireless networking will be useful to many users. If you value features more than speed, it's a good choice.

Aria's AXL Fusion Home 3200 is easily the best PC in the group, however. It has a fast processor, twice as much memory as its rivals and a huge hard disk with plenty of



ARIA

AXL Fusion Home 3200

★★★★★



room for pictures and video files. It also has a huge 19" widescreen display, and it will be easy to upgrade in future. It's our Best Buy.



BUDGET PCs



MANUFACTURER	ARIA	ECLIPSE	GLADIATOR	PC NEXTDAY
Model name	AXL Fusion Home 3200	Eco A3000	Legion CS2800	Zoostorm 1-3302
Rating	★★★★★	★★★	★★★★	★★★
Processor	AMD Athlon 64 3200+	AMD Athlon 64 3000+	AMD Sempron 2800+	Intel Celeron D 356
Processor speed	2GHz	1.8GHz	1.6GHz	3.33GHz
Processor socket	AM2	AM2	AM2	Socket 775
Level 1 cache	128KB	128KB	128KB	16KB
Level 2 cache	512KB	512KB	256KB	512KB
Memory installed	1GB	512MB	512MB	512MB
Memory type	PC5300	PC5300	PC5300	PC4300
Maximum memory	8GB	8GB	8GB	2GB
Motherboard standard	MSI K9NGM	MSI K9NGM	Asus M2N-VM DH	ECS 945G-M3V3
Motherboard chipset	Nvidia GeForce 6100 and nForce 410	Nvidia GeForce 6100 and nForce 410	Nvidia GeForce 6100 and nForce 430	Intel 945G
Memory bus speed	333MHz	333MHz	333MHz	266MHz
BIOS	AMI	AMI	Phoenix	Phoenix
PORTS				
USB2 ports (front/rear)	2/4	2/4	2/4	3/4
FireWire ports (front/rear)	0/0	0/0	0/1	0/0
Networking	10/100	10/100	10/100/1,000, 802.11b/g	10/100/1,000
Legacy ports	2x PS/2, Parallel	2x PS/2, Parallel	2x PS/2	2x PS/2, Parallel, Serial
INTERNAL EXPANSION				
Case	Midi tower	Mini tower	Midi tower	Mini tower
Case size HxWxD	424x191x485mm	366x185x422mm	424x187x440mm	360x180x405mm
PCI (free)	2 (2)	2 (2)	2 (2)	2 (2)
PCIe x1 (free)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)
PCIe x16 (free)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)
AGP (free)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Serial ATA (free)	2 (1)	2 (1)	4 (3) and 1 eSATA)	4 (3)
Memory (free)	4 (2)	4 (3)	4 (3)	2 (1)
Drive bays 3½" (free)	6 (5)	4 (3)	7 (5)	2 (1)
Drive bays 5¼" (free)	4 (3)	2 (1)	4 (3)	2 (1)
HARD DISK				
Model	Maxtor DiamondMax 10 6V200E0	Maxtor DiamondMax 17 6G160E0	Hitachi Deskstar 7K80 HDS728080PLA380	Western Digital Caviar SE WD 1600JS-00NCB1
Interface	SATA 300	SATA 300	SATA 300	SATA 300
Capacity	200GB	160GB	80GB	160GB
Spin speed	7,200rpm	7,200rpm	7,200rpm	7,200rpm
GRAPHICS				
Technology	Integrated	Integrated	Integrated	Integrated
Graphics card	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Graphics chipset	Nvidia GeForce 6100	Nvidia GeForce 6100	Nvidia GeForce 6100	Intel GMA 950
Graphics memory	Up to 128MB shared	Up to 128MB shared	Up to 128MB shared	Up to 128MB shared
Graphics/video ports	D-sub	D-sub	D-sub, DVI	D-sub
SOUND				
Sound card	Realtek ALC883	Realtek ALC883	SoundMAX ADI AD1988	Realtek ALC883
Sound card outputs	7.1 line out, coaxial S/PDIF	7.1 line out, coaxial S/PDIF	7.1 line out, coaxial S/PDIF	7.1 line out
Speakers	None	Integrated in display	Colorsit SP163	Integrated in display
REMOVABLE DRIVES				
Floppy drive 3½"	No	No	Yes	No
Memory card reader	No	No	No	CompactFlash, Secure Digital, MultiMedia Card, Memory Stick, Smart Media, MicroDrive
Optical drive	Sony AW-G170A (18X DVD+R, 18X DVD-R, 8X DVD+RW, 6X DVD-RW, 8X DVD+R DL, 8X DVD-R DL, 48X CD-R, 32X CD-RW, 16X DVD, 48X CD)	NEC AD-5170A (18X DVD+R, 18X DVD-R, 8X DVD+RW, 6X DVD-RW, 8X DVD+R DL, 8X DVD-R DL, 48X CD-R, 32X CD-RW, 16X DVD, 48X CD)	Samsung SH-S182D (18X DVD+R, 18X DVD-R, 8X DVD+RW, 6X DVD-RW, 8X DVD+R DL, 8X DVD-R DL, 48X CD-R, 32X CD-RW, 16X DVD, 48X CD)	Lite-On DRW-6S160P (16X DVD+R, 16X DVD-R, 8X DVD+RW, 6X DVD-RW, 8X DVD+R DL, 4X DVD-R DL, 48X CD-R, 24X CD-RW, 16X DVD, 48X CD)
DISPLAY				
Size and technology	19" widescreen LCD	19" LCD	17" LCD	17" LCD
Model	Xerox XM3-19W	Hanns-G HU196	Acer AL1706	AOC LM765
Native resolution	1,440x900	1,280x1,024	1,280x1,024	1,280x1,024
Response time	5ms	8ms	8ms	8ms
Inputs	D-sub	D-sub, DVI	D-sub	D-sub
OTHER HARDWARE				
Modem	No	No	No	No
Keyboard	Microsoft Wireless MultiMedia Keyboard 1.0A	Microsoft Basic Keyboard 1.0A	Colorsit Runner KB-1807	BTC Desktop Keyboard 5211
Mouse	Microsoft Wireless Optical Mouse 2.0A	Microsoft Basic Optical Mouse 1.0A	Colorsit UM-1018	Genius NetScroll 100
Keyboard/mouse rating	★★★★	★★★★	★	★★★
Extras	None	None	Remote control	None
SOFTWARE				
Software included	Ahead Nero Express 6.6, CyberLink PowerDVD 6	Ahead Nero Express 6.6, CyberLink PowerDVD 6	Ahead Nero Express 6.6, CyberLink PowerDVD 6	Ahead Nero Express 6.6, CyberLink PowerDVD 6
Operating system	Windows XP Home Edition	Windows XP Home Edition	Windows XP Home Edition	Windows XP Home Edition
Operating System Restore option	Windows disc	Windows disc	Windows disc	Windows disc
BUYING INFORMATION				
Parts and labour warranty	One year RTB	One year RTB	One year RTB	One year RTB
Technical support times	9am-5pm Mon-Fri, 9am-3pm Sat	9.30am-5.30pm Mon-Fri	10am-6pm Mon-Fri	9am-6pm Mon-Fri
Company founded	1993	1993	1999	1993
Technical support staff	10	7	6	14
Employees	Not disclosed	30	15	Not disclosed
Price including delivery and VAT	£399	£399	£400	£399
Price including delivery excluding VAT	£340	£340	£340	£340
Supplier	Aria Technology	Eclipse Computers	Gladiator Computers	PC Nextday
Phone	08704 992499	08707 456000	08456 444666	Web only
Web address	www.aria.co.uk	www.eclipse-computers.com	www.gladiatorcomputers.com	www.pcnextday.co.uk